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TO: Mr. Thomas Henry Boyd

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RE: 14-2156 State of North Dakota, et al v. Beverly Heydinger, et al
14-2251 State of North Dakota, et al v. Beverly Heydinger, et al

Your brief in the above-case has been received. In reviewing the brief for filing, we noted the deficiencies shown below. Your brief cannot be filed until the defects are corrected. Please correct these defects within five days and resubmit the brief electronically for final review and processing. See 8th Cir. R. 28A(b). If the resubmitted brief passes review, you will receive a Notice of Docket Activity informing you that the brief has been filed. Upon receipt of this notice, you have five days to submit the paper copies of the brief and addendum required by 8th Cir. R. 28A(d) and (g)(4). Please contact us if you have any questions.

- _____ ORDER OF CONTENTS IS INCORRECT. See [FRAP](#) 28(a)(1)-(10).
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- _____ jurisdiction of district court or agency;
- _____ appellate jurisdiction;
- _____ filing dates establishing timelines;
- _____ assertion appeal is from final order or other basis for court's jurisdiction.

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____ most apposite cases not listed;
____ exceeds maximum of four cases per issue.

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